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REMARKS

Claims 44-99 are pending in the application as a result of the instant Amendment. In the Amendment, Claims 47, 52, and 53 are amended for clarity while Claims 88-99 are added to recite aspects of the invention previously disclosed but unclaimed. A copy of the amended and newly added claims, without markings, is provided in the attached Appendix.

It is respectfully submitted that newly inserted claims 88-99 are fully supported by the specification as filed; the new claim does not add new matter to the instant application.

Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that the Preliminary Amendment places the above-identified application in better condition for initial examination.

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If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may best be resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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APPENDIX

47. A graphical user interface (GUI) instantiated by computer software for generating a file from data entered into selected ones of N fields in the GUI, wherein:

at least one of the file format of the file and the data-accepting ones of the N fields is determined responsive to data entered into a first predetermined one of the N fields; and

N is an integer equal to or greater than 2.

52. A graphical user interface (GUI) instantiated by computer software for generating a file transmittable to a selected one of M recipients from data entered into selected ones of N fields in the GUI, wherein:

at least one of the file format of the file and the data-accepting ones of the N fields is determined responsive to data entered into a first predetermined one of the N fields; and

M and N are integers equal to or greater than 2.

53. The GUI as recited in Claim 52, wherein the selected one of the M recipients is selected by entering an unique identifier corresponding to the selected one of the M recipients into a first predetermined one of the N fields.

88. A graphical user interface (GUI) instantiated by computer software for generating a file in one of a plurality of formats from data entered into the GUI, the GUI comprising:

N data-accepting fields disposed in a predetermined order including an active subset of the N data-accepting fields and an inactive subset of the N data-accepting fields;

wherein:

at least one of the selected one of the formats and members of the active subset and is determined responsive to data entered into a first of the N data-accepting fields; and

N is an integer equal to or greater than 2.

89. The GUI as recited in Claim 88, wherein the members of the active subset of the N data-accepting fields are further limited responsive to data entered into a second of the N data-accepting fields included in the active subset.

90. A graphical user interface (GUI) instantiated by computer software for generating a file in one of R formats transmittable to a selected one of M recipients from data entered into the GUI, the GUI comprising:

N data-accepting fields disposed in a predetermined order including an active subset of the

N data-accepting fields and an inactive subset of the N data-accepting fields;

wherein:

at least one of the selected one of the R formats and the members of the active subset and is determined responsive to data entered into a predetermined one of the N data-accepting fields; and
M, N, and R are integers equal to or greater than 2.

91. The GUI as recited in Claim 90, wherein the selected one of the M recipients is selected by entering a unique identifier corresponding to the selected one of the M recipients into the predetermined one of the N data-accepting fields.

92. The GUI as recited in Claim 90, wherein each of the M recipients has associated therewith a unique portion of the instantiating software.

93. The GUI as recited in Claim 90, wherein the transmittable file generated can be digitally integrated directly into the information system of the selected one of the M recipients.

94. The GUI as recited in Claim 90, wherein the M recipients and the sender operate independent computer systems.

95. The GUI as recited in Claim 90, wherein the GUI provides a single universal interface between the sender and the M recipients.

96. The GUI as recited in Claim 90, wherein the instantiating computer software resides on a personal computer operated by the sender.

97. The GUI as recited in Claim 90, wherein the instantiating computer software resides on a server computer accessible to the sender via the Internet.

98. The GUI as recited in Claim 90, wherein the member of the active subset are further limited responsive to data entered into a second one of the N data-accepting fields in the active subset.

99. The GUI as recited in Claim 90, wherein first and second files generated during first and second sessions initiated by the user have first and second file formats permitting integration of that file into the information system operated by first and second ones of the M recipients, respectively.